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# Hanks Family

## Correspondence

Excerpts from newspapers and other  
sources

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Milton, Ind <sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>  
Rev Warren  
Zionsville, Ind  
My dear Sir -

Please send a  
copy of your 'Childhood  
and Parentage of Lincoln'  
and bill.

We have living in  
Milton a Mr James B.  
Nash who's grand-  
mother was a sister of  
Nancy Hanks.

Bro. McCormick, our  
pastor, commended  
your book.

Yours  
O. L. Callaway.

Hanks

February 25, 1938

C. H. Calloway  
Milton, Ind.

My dear Mr. Calloway:

I was very glad to receive the information in your letter which states that a Mr. Napier living in your town is a distant relative of Nancy Hanks. I wish you would have him write me about the connection.

It is evident from the names in your bulletin that you are living in a Kentucky colony closely associated with the Lincolns in Ky. and Virginia.

Your family name is closely associated with the Boones who were related to the Lincolns. Other names which are familiar to me are Bryant, Caldwell, Crawford and Robeson.

I hope that I may have an opportunity to visit your community in the not far distant future and meet some of these people.

I have sent the order for your book on the Century Company of New York. They do not allow me to handle them.

If you do not receive it in a reasonable time please notify me.

Sincerely



7/7/1928.

Notes

S. D. W.

In the First Census of U.S. The figures are always Inclusive of the head of the family.

Joseph Hanks of Hampshire Co. in the tax list for Nov. 1782 shows "1 Tithable" - which means that he had <sup>21</sup>no other but himself taxable in 1782.

In the census returns 14 Nov. 1782 he has 11 whites (including the head of the family) and 2 no blacks. I have photostatic copies of the originals made for me at the State House, Richmond, Va.

I have examined Amelia, Bedford, Brunswick, Summerville, & Richmond Counties for wills and deeds. Dinwiddie Co. has none we are told all having been destroyed in Civil War. There are still many volumes of unindexed court orders volumes which may contain information if one had but time and strength to examine them. It would take weeks!!

I am still pursuing Russell Parish Church Records, which if extant will surely give us much. I have located two sets of the later books but the earliest elude me.

I have not worked up my Mitchell notes which are quite full. - There are many Roberts. I think that our Robert who m. Sarah Shipley was son of a Robert - wife Mary of Bedford Co. Va. You recall that the death record of Sarah Mitchell Thompson states that she was born in N.C. in 1781. (Warren)

Robert Shipley (Fam. Amund Co. Md. children were by 2 wives - the first 4 by a wife "Heturah" and the last four by Elizabeth

though, when entered on the Church records as a group they were entered as children of "Robert and Elizabeth Shipley". I have the distinction between children & step-children was eliminated, causing confusion later. This accounts for the going away from home of the older children and the clause in their father's will "my elder children having already had their portions". The name "Returned" seems to prevail!

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There was a Thomas Hanks who had early land grants but no connection has ever been shown between him and William. Even Mrs. Nugent who works for Barton acknowledged that.

Do not be led into the error of Barton in supposing that young men "brought" into the colonies in the early days as indentured servants were of inferior social standing in every case. Often the younger sons of good families who had everything save money would bind themselves to work for a given time for the man who would pay their passage. Their after careers often showed them to have real men of ability who needed but a "chance"

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copied for Louis A. Warren,  
at Mrs. White's request,  
by Myra Frank Rudolph

July 7, 1928.

*Hanks Family*

October 26, 1928

Mr. Alden H. Wyatt  
Knoxville, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wyatt:

This Foundation with which I am associated has recently taken over the Hanks manuscripts formerly in possession of Mrs. Caroline Hitchcock, with the intention of preparing them for publication.

I find your name in the correspondence and I am very anxious to locate an old bible formerly in possession of Mrs. Mary Hanks Craig. She was a sister of Milton Hanks, your grandfather, and at the time she wrote Mrs. Hitchcock she had in her possession the old Elijah Hanks bible.

Elijah was the father of Sydnor Dale Hanks and this old book gave some further data with respect to the earlier Hanks family, which Mrs. Craig could not interpret.

I should like very much to have an opportunity to see this old bible if it can be found.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

# THE HANKS FAMILY

BY

ALDEN H. WYATT

KNOXVILLE, IOWA

Oct. 29, 1928

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Gentlemen:                      Attention Mr. L.A. Warren.

Your letter of October 26th received and will say that I do not know where to start. I take it from your letter that the only Hanks family that you are interested in is the one Lincoln belongs to. I have compiled a lot of data on the Hanks family, the one that I belong to and it is the same one A. Lincoln belong to. I have found some three different Hanks families in the U.S. and they all came over at different times.

The family that Mrs. Hitchcock belong to is not the family that Lincoln mother came from. The family that Nancy Hanks came from was in this country fifty years before this family ever came to Mass. Mrs. Hitchcock made a very nice story out of it and got her names and dates all mixed up. In order to make her story good she used a family by the name of Hawks, that looked very much like Hanks. If you will look up Dr. William E. Barton story of Lincoln mother in June 25, 1927 issue of The Dearborn Independent, you will see that he found the same thing that I did, when I started my research a number of years ago.

If you want to take up just A. Lincoln mother family of Hanks your manuscript will be of no value to you. In fact she tried to sell it to me a few years ago and I found that I could not use it as it was not the Hanks family that I wanted.

Nancy Hanks mother of Lincoln, family came from Malmesbury, England some time about 1653 and settled in Richmond County Va. and some of the family has been continuously residents ever since. The first Hanks was a Thomas Hanks and I can give you data on the family down to Nancy Hanks, Lincoln mother.

The old Hanks bible that you ask about can be found in Indiana. I have a copy of the records and it is John Hanks not Elijah, however Elijah Hanks name is in the bible. The father of Syanor Dale Hanks was John Hanks and he married Susan Dale in Virginia, *about 1790*,

I have a proposition to make you, I will give you all my data, ~~and~~ names and places where to get all records that I have not received yet. For two copies of the book when you get it published, or a copy of the records if you do not publish it.

I would be pleased to hear from you at any time and give you any information that I have.

Very truly yours,

*Alden Hanks Wyatt*

November 1, 1928

Mr. Alden H. Wyatt  
Knoxville, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wyatt:

I was very glad to hear from you and learn that you had made some researches on the history of the Hanks Family.

For several years I have been copying Hanks records in Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana, with the intention of some day putting them in print. With the securing of Mrs. Hitchcocks records my purpose has been hastened so that I have recently been compiling facts with the view to publication.

My purpose is to make the Hanks Genealogy a companion book to the Lincoln Genealogy which has been so well done by Waldo Lincoln of Worcester, Mass.

The proposal you make with reference to my use of the data which you have gathered is very generous indeed and I shall be very glad to enter into the agreement that you to receive gratis two copies of the Genealogy when it appears, and if there should be any unforeseen barrier to the publication of the book, you are to have a typewritten copy of the data.

Upon the receipt of the records I shall be very glad to compare them with what I have gathered, and give you a summary of what the two collections thus combined, reveal.

Thanking you again for your courtesey and spirit of helpfulness I am,

Respectfully yours,

I shall be glad to remit postage charges as soon as the manuscripts arrive.

# ALDEN H. WYATT

Photographer

PORTRAITS, VIEWS, KODAK FINISHING, PICTURE FRAMING

Knoxville, Iowa,

Nov 24/1928

Lincoln National Life Insurance Co

F. T. Haynes Lord,

Sir,

Attorney L. A. Brown

Your letter of Nov 1st received  
some time ago, and I will get  
all of my records together just  
as soon as I can after Xmas. I  
am now in my Xmas work  
and am putting in about 20 hrs  
a day.

I today received a letter from  
a John C. Lewis Hanks of Emmerton  
War Richmond Co. and he said a  
Mr. C. Carter Delana, Warsaw Va.  
Richmond Co. had a lot on the Hanks  
family

Yours truly

Alden H. Wyatt

November 28, 1928

Mr. Alden H. Wyatt  
Knoxville, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wyatt:

I have received your letter with reference to the Hanks manuscripts and can look forward to going over them when you are able to get them together.

I am enclosing under separate cover a souvenir booklet which I published while at Hodgenville, Kentucky where I lived for three years. Please accept this with my compliments and all the good wishes of the Thanksgiving Season.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL  
Enc.

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

**THE HANKS FAMILY**

BY

ALDEN H. WYATT

KNOXVILLE, IOWA

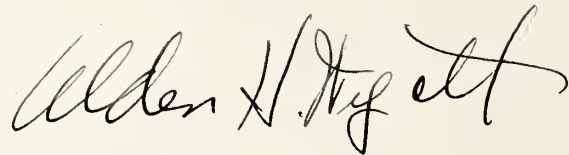
Jan. 11, 1939

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:

I am enclosing you some of the letters and dates of the Hanks family. When you have looked over and are through with them I would like for you to return them to me. I thought you would better see them and see what they had to say. If you find something that is not clear to you let me know.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alden H. Wyatt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Alden H. Wyatt".

P.S. William F. Barton has a lot of early history on the family.

January 19, 1929

Mr. Alden H. Wyatt  
Knoxville, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wyatt:

I am very grateful to you for sending me the information you have gathered about the Hanks family.

I have made one or two brief excerpts which may be helpful to me later on and if I am able to bring the work I have in mind to completion within a few months, I may possibly want the loan of your papers again to secure the addresses of those I might wish to write to.

Most of my work, however, dates back a century ago so that what you have collected is not of so much importance to the earlier history of the Hanks family in Virginia.

Thanking you again for your hearty co-operation and willingness to let me see what you have done; I am returning your manuscript under enclosed cover.

Respectfully yours,

LAN:VL  
Enc.

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

# ALDEN H. WYATT

Photographer

PORTRAITS, VIEWS, KODAK FINISHING, PICTURE FRAMING

Knoxville, Iowa,

March 7 1932

Dr Louis A Warren  
Ft. Wayne Ind.

Dear Sir—

It has been some time  
since I have heard from you  
and I was wanting to know  
how you were coming with  
the Horseshoe and have you  
got in book form. The last  
Lincoln Love I received was  
June 30 1930.

I would be pleased to hear  
from you.

Yours truly

Alden H. Wyatt

March 12, 1932

Mr. Alden H. Wyatt  
Knoxville, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wyatt:

We regret that in some way your name has been removed from our Lincoln Lore mailing list and we will see that it is immediately replaced.

There does not seem to be any opportunity for me to get the Hanks book ready for publication in the near future although I am still accumulating material for it. Thank you very much for inquiring.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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## WYATT'S PHOTO STUDIO

A. H. WYATT, MGR.

212 W. 4TH ST.

JOPLIN, MO.

July 7 1933

Dr Louis G. Hannan

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please send me the  
Lincoln Lore to the above  
address as I have come here  
from Knoxville, Iowa.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours

Alden H. Wyatt.

July 17, 1933

Alden H. Wyatt  
Wyatt's Photo Studio  
212 W. 4th Street  
Joplin, Missouri

Dear sir:

We have noted the change in your address. Enclosed you will find those copies which we feel you may have missed because of your change in residence. If there are others which you would like to have please inform us and if they are available we will be glad to forward them.

Very sincerely,

Ellen Herendson  
Asst. Editor, Lincoln Lore

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608 N. Mulberry St.  
Madison, Indiana  
Feb. 18, 1929.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Recently I heard from  
my aunt, Susan Hanks  
Rudd that you had  
taken over the work of  
Caroline Hanks Hitchcock  
who wrote the book on  
the life of Nancy Hanks.

I understand that it  
was her idea to  
complete the genealogy

of the Hanks family

My mother's father Elijah Hanks was the son of Thomas Hanks. So many of the names mentioned in the book, "Nancy Hanks" are common in my mother's family even to the names of the horses mentioned in the will. So I think the families must have been closely related.

I should appreciate so much any information you can give me in establishing the line of relationship.

If there has been any recent publications, I should like to know about it.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Vinnie Gray

564 Woodbine Ave.  
Warren, Ohio  
Mar. 15, 1929

Mr. Louis A. Warren  
York Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have just finished copying the records which I received on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. and I am returning them herewith.

These records are extremely interesting and I am very grateful to you for sharing them with me.

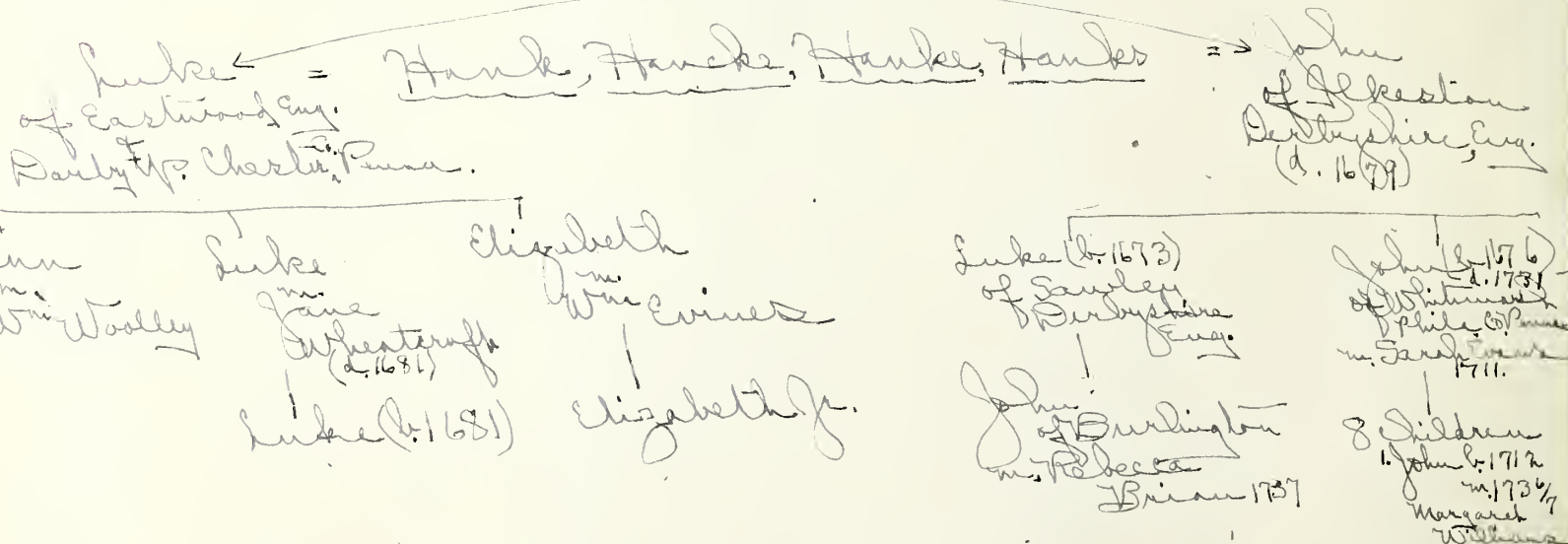
The outstanding <sup>in this collection</sup> points are:

- (1.) The grant of land, in 1729, to William Hawks. I believe this William was the father of Peter who married Mary Beez, in 1704, and who had four children: Lydia<sup>b</sup> 1704 or 5; William<sup>b</sup> 1707; Eleanor 1709; and Peter<sup>b</sup> 1711. Peter made his will in 1733 and willed "Far Enough" to his son Peter. Now, if the grant had been made to William<sup>b</sup> 1707, how could Peter, his father, be willing it to his son Peter in 1733?
- (2.) The discovery of a Joseph Hawks in West Chester records who sold land in 1793. (See Copeletter)
- (3.) The marriage record of Samuel Hawk and Sarah Goring, 1758. This Samuel was the fourth son of John and Sarah (Evans) Hawks, of Whitmarsh. He was drowned at Agynedd n. m. 1752. He was born 1723.

William Hanks who married Sarah Ralph was the son of William (b. 1707), son of Peter. William (b. 1707) married Ruth.

Mrs. Hofmann says that Peter was born at Whitmarsh in 1683. If he was, and he was the son of William of the 1729 grant — then where are we? John of Whitmarsh did not purchase the farm in Whitmarsh township until 1700, although he was in America as early as 1698, when he witnessed a wedding at Darby, n. n. John of Whitmarsh was the son of John of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Eng. John of Ilkeston and Luke of Darby of Chester Co., Penna. are thought to have been brothers. John of Burlington was the son of Luke of Darby, Derbyshire, Eng. who was a brother of John of Whitmarsh.

Thus: Brothers



Now, where does William, the grantee of 1729, with a son Peter, said to have been born in Whitmarsh in 1683, come in?

Will you send me the name & address of the man you said was so interested?

Sincerely,

Myra Hank Rudolph

Wm Hanks

Lynchburg Va.  
Oct 30 / 30-

Mr Louis A Warner.  
Fort Wayne. Ind

Dear Sir -

The copies of  
"Lincoln Log Cabin" have  
been received for which  
please accept my  
many thanks for your  
kindness and generosity

Am hoping to  
repay you by looking  
up some data on  
the Hanks family -  
Really they did

live  
within a hundred miles  
from Lynchburg. and I  
know a very old lady. She  
is up in 80 who says  
that she remembered  
Nancy Hanks. They were  
quite poor. They really  
lived in Pennsylvania Co. Va  
Close to the Halifax line.

Will send you what  
I have after getting it  
in a clearer form -

Thanking you again  
for your prompt attention  
Very Sincerely

Mrs J. H. V. Bowles.  
2021 Richmond Ave -

1. Hanks Relation

# UNIVERSAL CREDIT COMPANY



A. I. U. CITADEL  
50 WEST BROAD STREET  
**COLUMBUS, OHIO**  
February 14, 1931.

Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Fort Wayne,  
Indiana.

Gentlemen:-

I am very anxious to secure a copy of the Hanks' coat-of-arms, in color, and am wondering if you can advise the proper reference.

I am a descendant of one of the Hanks families and would be glad to take care of any expense involved.

Please address me as indicated above.

Very truly yours,

*W. P. Baughman*

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Mr Louis A. Warren  
Fort Payne Ind.

Dear Sir:- In reading Tulsa World paper  
I notice you are tracing Lincoln's family  
tree. It is possible I can give you a lead  
on the Hanks side of family. I have  
two Aunts at Mable Ill. (my birth place)  
who are supposed to have our family  
book. The book is mine as soon as I  
go back after it. I have never saw  
the book but understand it gives  
the family history for some time  
back and am reasonably sure  
it is the line of the Hanks family  
you would be interested in. You  
may drop a line to my Aunt Mrs  
Armintha Owings, Mable Ill. and I  
think she can give you a lead or to  
you have my permission to examine  
the book if they still have it. But I prefer  
that they keep it until I come to see them  
yours truly A. L. Hanks

September 9, 1932

Mr. A. L. Hanks  
820 East First Place  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Hanks:

Thank you very much for your information about the book containing a history of the Hanks family.

We are taking this opportunity to enclose for you some bulletins in which we feel you will be interested.

We are also writing to your Aunt, Mrs. Armina Owings of Nebo, Illinois, about this book.

Thanking you for your interest, we are

Sincerely yours,

LAW:EB  
Encls.

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

September 9, 1932

Mrs. Armina Owings  
Nebo, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Owings:

Your nephew, A. L. Hanks, of Tulsa, Oklahoma has advised me that you have in your possession some history of the Hanks family.

He has also suggested you might be willing to give us some idea of the contents of this old book.

We are very anxious to trace the history of the Hankses back to North Carolina and in Virginia and any help you can give us will be very much appreciated. Enclosed you will find some bulletins which give some idea of what has been done thus far in trying to trace the ancestry of Nancy Hanks.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:EB  
Encls.

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
URBANA, ILLINOIS

315 Lincoln Hall,  
February 6, 1933.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
%The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

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The other day in Chicago I met a former acquaintance of mine who is now Mrs. Joseph J. Hanks, and who tells me that her husband is of the Hanks family in which you are interested. Her husband's grandfather was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

I am quite sure that she would like to have your issues of the Lincoln Lore, and suggest that you send them to her at 5827 Sixteenth Street, Cicero, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

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*Laurence M. Larson*

LML:ARK.

Laurence M. Larson.

February 9, 1933

Mr. Laurence M. Larson  
University of Illinois  
315 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Larson:

We are very happy to forward to Mrs. Joseph J. Hanks several bulletins in which we have discussed data relating to the Hanks family. We thank you very much for advising us of her interest and giving us her address.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

February 9, 1933

Mr. Joseph J. Hanks  
5827 Sixteenth Street  
Cicero, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Hanks:

We have been advised by Mr. Laurence M. Larson of the University of Illinois that you would be interested in the bulletins which we have issued relating to the Hanks family. We are very happy to send you these bulletins enclosed and will be pleased to supply you with any other information that may be of interest as it comes from the press.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH  
Enc.

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

1880

E. L. Wood

L. Phillips Conant  
Funeral Director and Embalmer  
62 West Main Street

Tel. Connection

Westborough, = = = Mass.

Dear Sir, March 27 '33,

My father's  
mother was a Planks as well  
as Fincolis. When they took  
Richmond they were trying  
to get up some relation ship  
we have the story of Nancy  
Planks as worked up by  
Caroline Planks Hitchcock  
printed by Doubleday and  
McClure Co of New York  
under date of 1899 If you  
have one of these or can get  
one you have a true story  
Thomas and Nancy were  
married June 12<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Washington Co by John Head  
M. Epis Church Hope this  
may help you with your  
work

Yours truly  
L.P.C.

April 1, 1933

Mr. L. Phillips Conant  
62 West Main Street  
Westborough, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Conant:

Thank you very much for your interest in our Hanks investigation. I am wondering if you would be willing to tell me something more about your mother's people and whether or not they were of the Kentucky branch of Hankses.

I happen to know Mrs. Hitchcock real well and of course have her books and many of her early manuscripts.

Any information you may give me as to your special branch of the Hanks family, will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH                      Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation

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E. L. Wood

**L. Phillips Conant**  
**Funeral Director and Embalmer**  
 62 West Main Street

Tel. Connection

Westborough, = = = Mass.

April 15th 1933

My Dear Mr Warren, — There very little  
 I know of the Hanks folks. This is  
 not my mother but father's mother.  
 She lived in the old town of Mansfield  
 Conn. His father died when he was but  
 17. I've been told. I had in mind of  
 how poor they were there was only  
 potatoes in the house when friends  
 called and they passed these out  
 as one would expect. This is where the  
 silk business got going seven men  
 put 50<sup>00</sup> each into the business and  
 Dad. Knew them all. "Hanks Silks"  
 Henry Ford was out there not long  
 since and took the old shop out in  
 Mich. some place. He not been out  
 there for years its a wild country  
 an auto would have a tough time  
 of it. He now 66 years old but had  
 some good times out there when a  
 boy. After the snakes &c. The first bells  
 were made there after wards moved  
 to Troy N.Y. "Mclarys Bells" own cousins  
 of Dad's. Guess I've told you all I know  
 I'd like to know more

Yours very truly  
 J.P.C.

10  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
LA FERIA, TEXAS.

April 3, 1933.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I note with interest your research work in establishing the authoritative records of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

I am in a position to give you some very interesting information concerning the Hanks family, should you wish to follow up my findings. This does not relate itself so much to the history of Nancy Hanks before her marriage, as it does to the family since. There is a man of my acquaintance in Louisiana, who is of the Hanks family. He is a reproduction of Abraham Lincoln, except for his deformed arms. For this reason, he remains obscure, but he is a genius in more ways than one. It has been my pleasure to stay in his home three weeks, and I have corresponded with him for years.

His head and face is Lincoln's over again. His language, philosophy, his sense of humour most engaging. He is a country store philosopher, and the little town in which he lives is unaware of his lineage.

It was my intention to write him up, but time and finances are out of my reach for the present. But I would be interested in having someone establish relations with the unusual character, who could work out the value of it better than I. His library, his reading, his grasp of every subject is amazing in its scope. He explains to me the genius of Abraham Lincoln.

Very sincerely yours,

*O. E. Sanden Jr.*  
O. E. Sanden, Minister.

P. S. His mother is living- a Hanks.

April 8, 1933

Mr. O. E. Sanden  
First Presbyterian Church  
La Feria, Texas

My dear Mr. Sanden:

Of course, we are always interested to learn of members of the Hanks who might possibly throw some light upon the maternal ancestry of the president, although we think we are coming closer and closer to the solution of the problem. There may be those yet who may be able to throw more light on this question.

Enclosed you will find a few copies of our monthly bulletin which deal directly with the Hanks and possibly you might be able to interest your friend in compiling such data as he may know about the history of his mother's people.

I feel quite sure that many of the characteristics of Abraham Lincoln were inherited from his mother's people and, of course, we do not anticipate that all the genius was centered in one descendant.

Thanking you very much for offering this assistance in making a contact with this man you mention, I am

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:AAM  
Encs.

Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation

Columbus, Ohio

May 10, 1934

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Director Lincoln Research Foundation  
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Doctor:

My mother was a Hanks, and I wonder if, in your Lincoln library, there are any books giving any considerable account of the Hanks family. I have read a great many books about Lincoln, but the most complete Hanks genealogy, so far as I have been able to discover, is contained in Barton's Lineage of Lincoln. According to Dr. Barton, Nancy Hanks' ancestors came from England. My mother was born in Germany. She had a brother, Christopher Columbus Hanks, who resembled Lincoln more than any man I have ever seen. Now, Christoph is a common German name, but I have never before heard of the German use of the name Columbus. Some of the older members of my family declare that my mother was a third or fourth cousin of Lincoln.

My grandfather's name was also Christopher Columbus Hanks, and he had a brother who came over with him, but they separated in New York, my grandfather coming west and settling in Miami County, Indiana. His brother was never heard from again. There were some Hanks families in Pennsylvania, and

possibly they may have been some of this brother's descendants, but as I do not know his name I am unable to make any headway there. Some writers are of the opinion that Nancy Hanks' ancestors came from Pennsylvania, but Dr. Barton discredits this theory.

Has there ever, to your knowledge, been a Hanks genealogy published?

I shall be deeply grateful if you can tell me where I might find any helpful information.

I understand that your company has some Lincoln literature available, which I should be pleased to receive.

Respectfully,

1293 Hunter Ave.

*Geo. A. Graf*

mt Sterling Ky  
Christopher Columbus Hanks

May 11, 1934

Mr. George A. Graf  
1293 Hunter Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Graf:

We regret very much to advise you that there is no Hanks genealogy available, although we have here in our Foundation the largest collection of Hanks manuscripts that have been gathered.

The question of the Hanks lineage is still an unsettled question and much of the data found in Dr. Barton's history of the family is unreliable.

In 1901 Louis T. Hennighausen prepared an article in which he declared that Abraham Lincoln was descended from a German family by the name of Linkhorn. I do not recall, however, that there has been any considerable agitation that the Hanks family were of German origin.

The truth is we do not know where they came from because as yet we have not been able to definitely decide just who was the first American ancestor of Abraham Lincoln by the name of Hanks.

This Foundation has done much work along this line and some of our findings have been published in bulletins, such as those I enclose, but I regret there are others which we do not now have available.

We do have in our records a list of the children of Guthberg Million Hanks, one of whom was Christopher Columbus Hanks born in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Christopher also had a brother by the name of Thomas Boone Hanks who had a son whom he named Christopher Columbus Hanks.

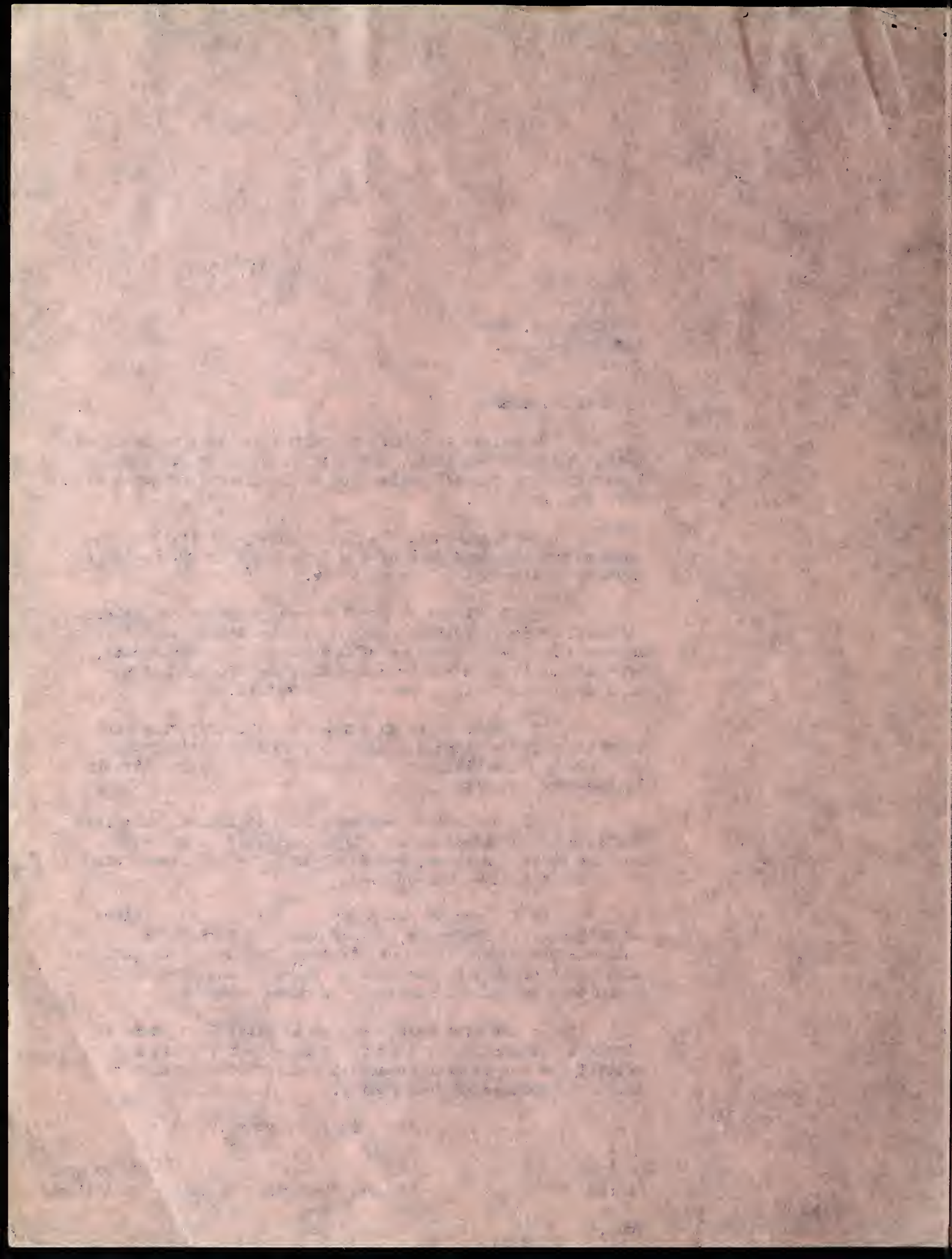
If you ever have occasion to visit Fort Wayne we should be very happy to have you stop at our library and possibly we may be able to assist you in locating some of the early members of your family.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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Rose Hanks - Mary Ann Scott

Wm. H. Hanks

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Oct. 22, 1934.

Louis O. Warren, Director  
Lincoln National Life  
Foundation

Dear Sir:-

In regard to my  
relationship to Nancy  
Hanks-Lincoln, will  
say I am not related  
to her. The only connec-  
tion I have with this  
is, that my father's

sister, Mary Ann Scott  
married Isaac Hanks,  
who was a distant  
relative to Nancy Hanks  
Lincoln.

Vernon Hanks, who is  
a grand-son, works at  
the Wolf & Messauer  
store, so if you can  
get in touch with him,  
he probably can give  
you some information  
on this matter.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Goldie Scott-Lyles.

Indianapolis Ind.  
4-8th-1935

Mr Louis A. Warren, L.D.S. S.  
St. Wayne Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren.

You, no doubt, will recall my speaking to you at the unveiling of the Lincoln Statue in Indianapolis last Saturday, in regard to information concerning the early history of Lincoln and the Hawks Family. You asked me to tell you all I could about the Hawks family, while my Mother was a Hawks I know very little about the early history of the family. I do remember my great grand father whose name was Thomas Hawks who died about 50 years ago at the age of 92. and my grand father whose name was Elijah Hawks who died about 40 years ago at the age of 85. There were also several brothers and sisters of my grand father. They were all natives of Carroll Co Ky. They were all fine Southern gentlemen and ladies and I feel sure they were closely related to Lincoln because there was a striking facial resemblance. I enjoyed your talk on the above mentioned occasion and I feel that I would like to know you better. Anything you can send me, or any book you can refer me to on the Hawks or Lincoln family will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours  
Alva Baxter

2624 Maucker Ave.

April 16, 1935

Mr. Alva Baxter  
2624 Manker Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Baxter:

We would like very much to help you with your ancestry but I feel you will have to give us just a little more information before we are able to locate the direct family from which you come.

We have about twenty Thomas Hanks and about as many Elizah Hanks in our files but if you could give us a little more family history, I believe we will be able to help you locate your connection.

For instance, you might tell us where your mother was born, where she lived and also give us some of the names of your mother's brothers and sisters, which would give us a lead so that we might make a start.

Enclosed you will see how little we really know about the paternal ancestry of Abraham Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW:IH  
Enc.

Director

Topeka Kansas

March 20-1936

Louis Warren.

Director

Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne Indiana

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your prompt reply  
illness prevented my writing sooner  
in regard to my possible relationship  
to Abraham Lincoln.

My great-grand-mother's maiden  
name was Nancy Hubbard, father  
thinks she was born in Virginia  
later living in Kentucky possibly at  
Bowling Green, and then on into  
Indiana, her brother Smith Hubbard  
was a black-smith & wagon-maker at  
Gentryville. I am wondering if his  
given name was Smith or if they  
called him Smith because of his  
occupation, father knows of no  
other brothers or sisters of great-grand-  
mother Hubbard Haines.

My father's name is Edward  
Edward Haines, his father was a  
Walter William Haines and I think  
I imagine his father a Walter William  
as I understand there has been a  
Walter William for several generations

I have a quaint old photograph of 2  
great-grand-mother Hubbard Gaines in her  
white cap and tippet, the photographer's  
name inscribed below is Clark and Steithler  
of 108 1/2 Main St Owensboro Kentucky. I  
imagine she must have been visiting  
there from Indiana at the time she  
looks to be about seventy five years of  
age when the picture was made.

My father had one brother Walter  
William "now deceased" two sisters  
Betty and Mollie, "both deceased, and the  
sister Sarah Gaines Summers now  
over 84 years and living with her  
son Walter Summers at 1240 Broad-  
way No 2. Indianapolis Ind., and  
two step brothers by another mother  
August and Charles, "now deceased"  
Walter William Sarah and Mollie  
were born in Kentucky father born  
in Henryville also Betty who Betty  
who was born at the Mother's death.

I don't know from what place  
in Kentucky they came, but  
father recalls which mention of  
Hopkinsville that is in Warren County  
I believe. Father's mother, my grand  
mother was a Mary Louise Burgess  
her father "My great-grandfather was

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Hardin Burgess they were from Kentucky  
You see my father left Indiana  
at the age of 18 going west, he fought  
in the Moccasin Indian war under Captain  
Carby. has scars from wounds received  
from poison arrows when he was  
shot by Indians. he weathered  
many hardships in the west.

Father married my mother "a  
little girl from Frederickstad Iowa" at  
Salt Lake City Utah 60 years ago next  
April 17 "They are both now living in  
the Snake"

About 7 or 8 years after their  
marriage they went to eastern Texas  
to visit the two step-fathers, also  
grand-father Gaines and great-  
grand-mother Gaines who were  
visiting there at the time

During this visit over father mother  
my two elder brothers Walter William  
and Hardin Edward and my elder  
sister Mary Louise "all four of them"  
started back west on the same train  
for the Snake Mother was with them till they  
reached the Snake River where they have resided since  
with the exception of one year  
spent in California

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Great grand mother Gaires became ill also in Texas and begged to be returned to Indiana, but died in Harrisonville Arkansas where she is now buried, they also were traveling by wagon and were compelled to stop at Harrisonville.

Great grand mother Gaires was in her 80th year I believe at the time of her death in <sup>the</sup> year of 1885 shortly before my birth so it was especially fitting to name in memory of her.

I hope you will pardon all mistakes or errors in this letter, my father, my mother and other contacts of 15 broken terms in the grades one year in broken time in a tent city at Perry Okla. Father was for a claim from where his family jumping are at Black Bear Okla. sending for his family and jumping lots in the tent city of Perry and lived a life compared with incidents mentioned in Idaho Father's book "in memory" "a book I've read" enduring hardships

and meeting complete failure we  
turned to the by wagon where we and  
our family have resided since.

Father is of the tall gentlemanly type  
of 6 ft 2 inches, very slender build & always  
"when he stood erect" helping someone to the detriment of  
his own well being has deep set eyes.  
a very wonderful person to me as I have  
seen him rise above obstacles that  
few could withstand.

I have a son 6 ft. 4 inches with  
the brow of an Abraham Lincoln, a daughter  
who is a republican worker & a  
leader in the young republican group  
was a delegate at Chicago fall 1912 & at  
spring.

About 20 years ago I persuaded my  
father to visit Springfield where he had  
not been since the time of 1860 & age  
his sister Sarah then gave him the card  
his father had made from the card Abraham  
Lincoln had given him, also the photograph  
so forth. a year later I visited Dad.  
also and then turned of our possible  
relationship to the subject.

Thinking then I would try to have

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it but the war coming on and my brothers  
and being with the army I took their 2  
houses to rear and with my 5 children  
and the responsibilities brought on I  
have been swept on like the Women in  
the Book "A Lantern In Her Hand" and now  
that I am about to realize my desire  
am hardly able to even arrange a  
letter giving the accurate accounts  
of what I know.

My plans are to visit Aunt Sarah and  
if on one information it possible to  
have transportation any where in the U.S.  
husband being a railway employee  
but only lack the time to leave my aged  
parents for any length of time

Possibly I could write Aunt Sarah for  
any information you suggest. The bulletin  
you enclosed gave me no light the  
information is on the lines, it was  
sent but the money you again

but after all this lengthy history  
that has no bearing on the immediate  
subject you wish it with which to  
help me to learn more about it  
will appreciate it. Sincerely yours  
Lillian E. Brown

Gaines & Hubbard Hanks Ancestry

April 14, 1936

Mrs. Nancy E. Irwin  
R. F. D. No. 5  
North Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Irwin:

I regret very much that apparently I am not going to be able to help you with your Hanks Ancestry with which you hope to trace your relationship to Abraham Lincoln. I have looked carefully through our records and cannot find the name of Gaines or Hubbard which would give me any clue to the problem. While I should like very much to help you with your family lineage, I doubt that we will be able to do so unless you can give us some more definite information about your people who lived at Gentryville.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:AAM

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7/24/36  
Mr. Leary, Ill.

Mr. Harry Pratt  
Bloomington, Ill.  
Dear Sir,

I was referred to you by  
one of your students who  
claims you know "about all  
there is to know" about  
Abraham Lincoln and  
his family tree.

Now I will appreciate it  
very much if you could  
tell me just how the Lockes  
are related to Lincoln.

My husband's Mother (now  
deceased) claimed her father's  
Mother and Nancy Winks  
~~father~~ were sisters. Her  
father was Thos. Locke  
a school teacher and politician.

who lived next Bridgely Ill.  
and who, had he not died  
suddenly, would have been  
Post Master General under  
Cleveland.

I would appreciate having  
this information for my  
children. I do not have  
access to a library with  
books that might tell me  
the true facts.

Thank you so much for  
your time in answering  
this as I know you are  
busy this time of year.

Sincerely  
Mrs Neil Patton  
Mc Lean, Ill.

*please include*

September 1, 1936

Mrs. Neil Patton  
McLean, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Your letter directed to Dr. Harry Pratt has been forwarded to me for answer and I regret exceedingly I cannot seem to find the genealogy of the Locke family.

Perhaps if you can give me a little more information I will be able to locate the Hanks woman who married Thomas Locke.

Do you know in what town they were married, where they formerly lived or any information that would help me to locate this particular branch of the Hanks family?

I regret to say you must be in error with respect to the sister relationship with Lincoln's mother because she was an only child.

Enclosed you will please find a recent bulletin on Lincoln's mother.

Very truly yours

LAW:LH  
Enc.

Director

Dec-9-37.

Dr. L. G. Warren,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.  
Dear doctor Warren:-

I was told to  
write you for infor-  
mation regarding the  
Hanks family.

I have tried to get the  
life of Nancy Hanks  
thinking I might learn  
some thing of Jefferson  
Hanks, Nancy Hanks  
brother and my great  
grand father, my  
grand mother was  
Margaret Hanks, (Kiger)  
his sister was named  
for their aunt, Nancy

Hanks, and my mother  
was named Nancy.  
My grand mother never  
said much about her  
relationship to Nancy  
Hanks, or Abe Lincoln,  
but when my great  
uncle, a blind man, of  
Terre Haute died, there  
was quite an article in  
the Star about the re-  
lationship. I was told  
my grand father at one  
time operated the Hanks  
ferry on the Ohio river  
near Lawrenceburg. I was  
told if any one could  
tell me any thing about  
my grand great grand  
father, you could. Thanking  
you in advance for this  
favor. I am Mrs. C. J. Geddel

Jefferson  
Margaret  
Nancy

Get in touch

December 22, 1937

Mrs. Mary O. Judd  
8432 Curzon Avenue  
Hartwell, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Judd:

I regret exceedingly that I am not going to be able to help you with reference to your Hanks ancestry. In fact, all that I am able to tell you with reference to the assumption you have about Nancy Hanks is that she had no sisters; she was an only child. We have thousands of Hanks records here in our files but I do not find anywhere the name of Jefferson Hanks.

It is very seldom that we have a request for information about the Hanks family that we cannot answer because we have the most exhaustive collection here in the country. We will keep your questionnaire on file, however, and if we run across any of the family in which you are interested, we will let you know.

Very truly yours

LAW:AMR

Director

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Feb. 27-1939

Lincolniana Publishers  
Foot Wayne - Ind.

Dear Sir - Am enclosing  
a money order for two  
dollars - which will take  
care of the 1939 subscription  
to the Lincoln Trustman.

On page 8 of No. 2 you  
speak of a "four hundred  
page discussion of the Hawks  
ancestry" - May I trouble  
you for the name of the  
biographer? am sending  
return envelope.

Most sincerely

(Miss) Eva F. Hunt

1335 La Salle Av.  
Minneapolis - Minn.

March 1, 1939

Miss Eva M. Hank  
1335 LaSalle Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Hank:

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of  
your order including a 1939 subscription to Lincoln  
Kingsman.

I am sorry that I am unable to answer your  
inquiry regarding the four hundred page discussion of  
the Hanks ancestry, but upon Dr. Warren's return to  
Fort Wayne I shall inquire and inform you immediately.

Yours very truly,

MAC:EB  
M.A. Cook

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Lincolniana Publishers

Dear Sir -

I have not received the Feb. + March issues of the Kinsman as yet - Will you check it?

Sincerely,

Eva Hank

1335 La Salle Av.

Minneapolis

Minn.

March 7-'39



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Lincolniana Publishers  
Box no. 1110  
Fort Wayne  
Ind.

March 14, 1939

Eva Hank  
1335 LaSalle Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Back at my desk after an absence of several weeks your letter of February 22 is called to my attention in which you request the title of the book carrying information on the Hank family.

The book is entitled, "The Ancestry of Abraham Lincoln" and the author is Dr. William Barton.

I think the book is now out of print but I believe that Lincolniana Publishers might be able to secure it for you if you want it. A very large portion of the book is given over to discussing the Hanks family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:PW  
I. A. Warren

Director

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Gentlemen,

I notice by  
your July number that  
you have a Laura Morgan  
who married Hiram  
Hanks (al c ba). It may  
interest you to know  
that I have a photo-  
graph of this Laura  
Morgan. I am a desc-  
endant of her father,  
Rufus Morgan.

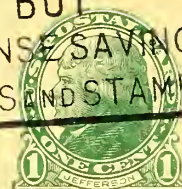
Incidentally isn't "John Hanks  
(al)" a typographical error  
on p. 2, column 2? Should  
be Jacob.

Sincerely,  
A. D. Ehlert

Aehlert  
3909 Swiss  
Dallas, Tex.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

The Lincoln Kinsman  
Ft. Wayne  
Ind.

Grand Rapids  
Michigan  
March ,10,1942

To Dr; Warren;  
Lincoln Library,  
Fort Wayne, Ind;  
Dear Sir;

I was told a short time ago that you were making a collection of interesting data concerning Abraham Lincoln.

If this is correct,I wish to state,that I have in my possèssion a newspaper item(yellowed with age), showing that my father's Grand-mother (my great Grand-mother ) Mrs. Eunice VanMeter was a first Cousin of President Hayes and a second cousin of President Lincoln.

There is quite a bit of interesting data,(to me any way) that follows in the same clipping. It speaks of the resemblance between her father, Peter Hanks,and Abraham Lincoln as being very striking.

Trusting that I may hear from you,

I remain,

Respectfully,

Mrs.Dewey Perkins,  
4437 Clairmount Ave,So;West.  
Grand Rapids,Mich.

*Peter Hanks & daughter Eunice Hanks*

March 11, 1942

Mrs. Dewey Perkins  
4437 Clairmount Ave., S.W.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Perkins:

I do not seem to have any notation here with reference to the Peter Hanks with a daughter Eunice .

If you could give me the name of Peter Hanks' father or the name of any of the brothers of Eunice I might be able to give you some direct information about the contact with the Lincolns or possibly your newspaper items carry all of the information. I take pleasure in enclosing a little magazine which gives a review of the different sons and daughters of the Virginia Pioneer Hanks.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB  
Enc.

Director

307 W. Beardsley  
Champaign Ill.  
March 26-1942

"Lincoln Lore"  
Fort Wayne  
Indiana

Dear Sirs:

It has been suggested to me by Ezra  
Sparrow of Sinai Ky. that you might  
have information on my ancestor Savilla  
Hanks who, tradition says was relative  
of Abraham Lincoln. She was born  
1787 and married James Craig 1803  
She was supposed to have lived in Harrison  
& Hardin Counties Ky. I don't know where  
she was born or who her parents were  
I will appreciate it very much if you will  
let me know if you have any record of  
Savilla Hanks.

Sincerely

Mrs. Thos. E. Williams

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March 27, 1942

Mrs. Thos. E. Williams  
307 W. Beardsley  
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 26 but sorry to state that I am unable to find any information regarding Savilla Hanks, but will inquire of Dr. Warren upon his return to Fort Wayne and if he has any information regarding the above mentioned character we will forward the information on to you about the 15th of April.

Yours very truly,

MAC:EB  
M.A. Cook

Librarian

April 8, 1942

Mrs. Thos. E. Williams  
307 West Beardsley  
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Madam:

I fear I am not going to be able to help you with respect to the ancestry of Savilla Hanks. I do find in our records a James Craig who married Mary Culberson on September 3, 1789. This may have been the father and mother of your James Craig.

There are a great many Hanks families in the immediate community but I cannot find the name Savilla.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:EB

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NIGHT LETTER—WESTERN UNION

San Francisco, February 11, 1946

L. W. Bridgman  
Secretary  
Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin

Wish you could have shared just concluded visit with Nancy Hanks, direct descendant of original Nancy's brother. This Nancy's father, the late Abbott Atherton Hanks, California mineralogist, wrote history of Hanks lineage. It is still in manuscript form unpublished. I intend to copy later for you. Nancy Hanks Lincoln's descendants have distinguished themselves professionally and culturally and are proud of family tree. I join you in tribute to the Great Emancipator and the memory of two outstanding Wisconsin men, George Hambrecht and Earl Ecklund, whose perception and endeavor have helped show the way for many to the better things of life.

Mary Waterstreet

Dear Mr. Waring  
Feb 17, 1897

I wrote Rev. Joseph  
Black concerning Lincoln's  
mother's people and he  
referred me to you.

My husband's grand  
father, John Woods Harker,  
was a first cousin

of Abraham Lincoln and  
I am trying to trace  
the relationship. I have  
back to his great-great  
grandfather whose name  
I cannot find, but his wife  
was Lucie Harper, whom  
he married about 1810,

judging from records  
we have.

If you can give  
me any information  
it would be greatly  
appreciated

Mrs Ray Hanks  
Barnard  
Ind.

P. S.

Could you give me  
the visiting hours of the  
Foundation and is it open  
on Sunday.

February 21, 1947

Mrs. Ray Hanks  
Bainbridge, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Hanks:

We regret to advise you that Dr. Warren is now on an extensive speaking itinerary which will not bring him back to the office until the middle of March.

Just as soon as he returns I will call his attention to your letter.

The visiting hours of the Foundation coincide with the business hours of the Insurance Company namely, 8:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Monday through Friday. It is closed Sundays.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Moellering  
sec'y.

April 7, 1947

Mrs. Ray Hanks  
Bainbridge, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Hanks:

I am just back at Fort Wayne now after a long speaking itinerary and find your letter of February 17 on my desk.

I very well remember coming across the Harper name while doing research work on the Hanks family. We have a tremendous lot of information here and if you could find it convenient to come to Fort Wayne you could probably find what you wanted in our records.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

CRAIG

Manhattan, Kansas

April 25, 1947

Dear Dr. Warren: -

Some time ago I wrote you about genealogical data on ~~the~~ James Craig - B 1784 - D 1843 - m 1803 Sarah Hanks B 1787 - D 1853. They were the parents of 19 children. At that time you advised my writing Mr. A. H. Wyatt of Snodville Iowa. He was able to give me some data on the Craigs, which you will see on the enclosed chart, but didn't give the percentage of Sarah Hanks, his wife. Do you suppose you could help me a bit on this? I would certainly be grateful, for I have worked on this for years, and to be so near and get so far is most discouraging.

Mr Wyatt tells me that my James Craig is a descendant of John Craig, of Scotland who married Jane Talliaferro. - Will you will see

then on the enclosed sheet, so there is  
no point in explaining it.

I also would like to thank  
you very much for telling me  
about Mr. Uryah, he has been most  
kind and helpful. He also tells me  
that if I can establish Samient's  
parentage he can give me dates  
back 300 years.

Any help you are able  
to give me believe me

Very truly yours  
Samient Park Insley  
(Mrs. Paul L.)

Box 182

Manhattan, Kansas.

# The Children of James Craig & Sarah Hanks,

William H.

Absalom

Elizabeth

Samuel H.

John

Nancy

(5) Ambrase

Margaret

Sary Jane

Northy Ann

James K.

Benjamin D.

Mary

Barbery

Feb 14, 1804

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Mar 9 1828

Jan 24. 1830

Do not have the names of the other

5 children.

# Children of Ambrose Craig and Nancy Ripley

Marguerite M.	B. Mar 19 1848	10 June 7. 1918
William M.	B July 28 1843	10 Mar 20 1920
Samuel H	B " 23 1850	10 July ? 1933
James Daniel	B May 23 1851	10 " 1929
Estelina	B Dec 31 1859	10 Feb ? 1935
Nancy	B Feb 7. 1838	10 Aug 7 1866
(no 6) Lauretta	B Feb 23. 1840	10 July 5 1866
John	B Jan 5-1845	10 Jan 17 1873
Fleming		

## Children of Sarah Craig and David Parks

(no 7) George B	B Apr 2. 1864	10 Mar 26 1927
Flarede Alice	?	?
Lauretta	?	10. taken a child
Sarah	B Feb 16 1866	Steve living.

## Children of George B Parks and Rosebeth Mary Powdell

Maurice Eugene	B Mar 29 1892	
Lelia Medard	B Nov 24 1896	
David Bliss	July 31 1894	10 May 8. 1908
Larry Stanley	Nov 19 1899	
Lula May	Oct 29 1903	
Plenn	Aug 27 1905	
(myself) Squirrel Alice	Aug 9 1909	
George B Jr	Oct 12 1913	10 Oct 15. 1913.

Craig,

John Craig married Jane Taliffers, 1703. John  
Craig died in Scotland shortly after his marriage. His  
wife came, with her brothers, to Virginia, her son  
was born in 1704, soon after which she (Jane)  
died

1 Taliffers Craig, B 1704 D 1795  
M 1730

Mary Hawkins B 1766, D Jan 6. 1804  
They had 11 children, the second child

2 Taliner Craig B 1732 - Wife's name not known  
They had six children the second of which  
was

3 William Craig B 1753  
M about 1775

Sally Davis.

4 James Craig B 1784 Ky D 1843 - Marcan Co Ind  
M 1803 Ky

Sauvent Hanks B 1787 D 1853

5 Ambrose Craig B Aug 16, 1816 D. Mar 4 1899  
M - May 23 - 1837

Nancy Ripley

6 Sauvent Craig - B Feb 7. 1838 D. Aug 7. 1866  
M 1860

David Parks B Aug 16 1832 D June 26. 1921

George B. Parks B Apr 2 - 1864 - D Mar 26. 1927  
M. Mar 4 - 1891

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7 Asenath Mary Pownall B Sept 4 1869 - Still living

This record from James (No 4) and is  
taken from the old family Bible, all before  
this (No 1, 2 & 3) in what Mr. Heyatt sent. In addition  
to what he says this "Jefferson Craig was a  
Soldier in the Virginia Militia and a defender of  
Bryant's Station when attacked by the British and  
Indians, led by Lincoln Dickey, Mary (or Pacey)  
Haskins Craig was the eldest of 20 women at  
Bryant's Station 1782 who brought the water  
from the Spring to the post and made possible  
its defense. The Lexington Chapter D. A. R. has  
immortalized these heroines by a Memorial Wall  
around the Historic Spring. Bryant's Station  
is a short way from Lexington, Ky.

May 19, 1947

Mrs. Paul L. Inskeep  
Box No. 182  
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Madam:

I have made still another search for Savillah Hanks born in 1787 and died in 1853.

I cannot find her name among the thousands of Hanks names which we have, although I do find several intermarriages between the Craigs and the Hankses.

I have before me a letter written on March 26, 1942 from Mrs. E. Williams of Champaign, Illinois. She was inquiring for the same Savillah born in 1787 who married James Craig in 1803. Mrs. Williams believed that she lived in Harrison, Hardin County, but she does not know who her parents were. I was unable to help her at that time and still have no further light upon the subject.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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CHARLES E. BRYANT

ELMCROFT, BROOKFIELD, NEW YORK

Aug 23, '47

Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

Dear Sirs: Allow me to express my  
sincere thanks to you for the copies of  
Lincoln lore. you have sent to me ever  
since, I read copies in Akron, South  
High school, where I was Principal  
for nearly twenty years.

The weekly News, N.Y. Times, are carrying  
fascinating news of the finding of  
Lincoln Papers! It has been an ob-  
vious occasion to thank to  
the public our Lincoln lore; and I have  
been deeply grateful to you people for  
having supplied me with this wonderful  
information. Lincoln lore. Of course,  
you have been aware of the news of  
Lincoln Papers, but you people have  
been forerunners of splendid facts of  
Lincoln's splendid. My wife, Margaret  
Hanks Howard, as well her family  
are named Hanks, have been deeply  
interested in your publication, and  
somehow, Samuel Filer Hanks, was an  
authority on Lincoln relationships.  
Again, deep thanks to you.

Sincerely & Gratefully,  
Charles E. Bryant.

LINCOLN NATIONAL  
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

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Answered Y  
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Hanks  
August 28, 1947

Mr. Charles E. Bryant  
Elmcroft  
Brookfield, New York

My dear Mr. Bryant:

Thank you very much for your very appreciative letter of August 23 and inasmuch as your wife happens to be related to the Hanks Family I thought possibly she might like the little bulletins which I am sending under separate cover. Please accept them with my compliments.

Very truly yours,

LAW:JT  
L.A. Warren

Director

Edward Alcott

232 Windsor Drive  
Fayetteville, N.C.  
October 27, 1947

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
The Lincoln National  
Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Warren:

I am interested in obtaining a copy of the work entitled, The Life of Abraham Lincoln, by J. H. Holland, and would appreciate most sincerely any information as to where this may be found.

I might say that there exists no doubt in my own mind of any kind that Abraham Lincoln's mother once lived in North Carolina with her Uncle Richard (Dicky) Hanks, who was my wife's great-great-great grandfather. This is too well established, both by history and tradition, and too widely supported by testimony by indi-

viduals, ordinary and prominent citizens with nothing to gain from their evidence one way or the other, to admit of any tenable or reasonable suspicion of mere imagination or falsehood on their part in the matter.

The family, of course, joins most wholeheartedly and with gratitude unlimited with all who work to protect and preserve the good name of Abraham Lincoln from abuse by unfounded, and idle vicious gossip about our illustrious cousin's ancestry.

With best wishes and trusting to have a few words from you at earliest convenience, concerning the Holland work in paragraph one, I am, Sir,

Most cordially yours,

Edward J. Aull

Hawks Hancy & of Pickett Hawks

October 29, 1947

Mr. Edward J. Calcutt  
232 Windsor Drive  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Calcutt:

We happen to have a duplicate copy of the  
Holland Life here in used condition, which we will be pleased  
to send to you for \$1.00, if you care to secure it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

December 15, 1947

Mr. L. F. Gumbart  
Union National Bank  
Macomb, Illinois

My dear Mr. Gumbart:

We are pleased indeed to forward a half dozen copies of the Lincoln Lore No. 965 and we are pleased to know that you feel it is a contribution to the work in which you have been engaged.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CM  
L.A. Warren  
Enc.

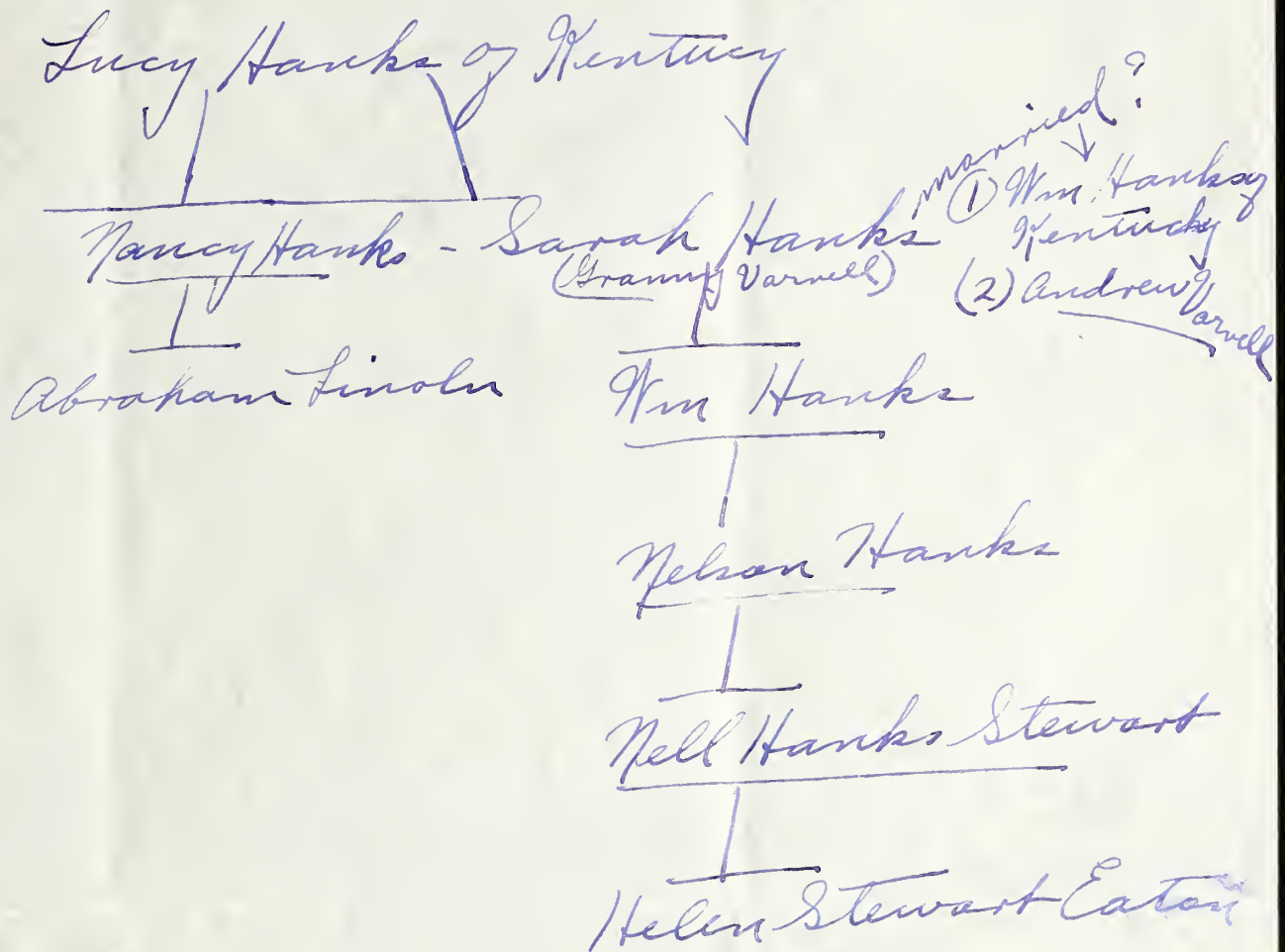
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Chrisman, Illinois  
March 31, 1948

Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Gentlemen:-

I realize that there must be thousands of people scattered about who are cousins of Abraham Lincoln. I am one of them, or at least have always been told of the relationship. I'm wondering if you can help me verify this. My maternal grandfather was Nelson Hanks, son of William Hanks. William was born in Kentucky, his mother's name being Sarah. Whether this was her maiden name or whether she married a cousin named Hanks before coming to Illinois, I do not know. However she brought the baby, William to Illinois and here married Andrew Varvel. They lived four miles south of Paris. I've been told that she was Sarah Hanks, a sister to Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother. This would make my great grandfather, William,

2. and Abraham Lincoln first cousins.



I hope that you can be of help to me in solving this. I'll appreciate anything you may know concerning this other line.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. P. Eaton  
(Helen Stewart Eaton)

April 5, 1948

Mrs. O.R. Eaton  
Chrisman, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Eaton:

Please find attached to this letter a copy of a bulletin giving the relatives of Lincoln's mother.

I cannot seem to find any Sarah Hanks who was very closely related to Nancy Hanks Lincoln, although the descendants of William Hanks were very many, and possibly she was a daughter of one of William's sons.

You will please find attached, as I have indicated, such information as we have.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB  
Enc.

Director

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Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren,

I have been keeping a copy of your speaking itinerary which appeared in the 29 November Lincoln Lore in the hope that I might find a time when Mrs. Hanks and I could have the pleasure of meeting you while you are in the East.

As I shall be at the Ritz-Carlton in Boston on the 22 and 23 February and at Anderson House in Washington on the 24 and 25 February, it seems that we will be going in opposite directions, at that time. Should you be returning to New York City after your lecture in Boston on 2 and 3 March, I do hope you will let me know.

During the past year, I have compiled and had bound in book form some odds and ends about the Hanks family. I shall be glad to show this additional material to you but frankly believe you already have in your files everything of importance with reference to this information.

Please telephone me at Murray Hill 7-6500 (a 24-hour service) when you may be free and the operator will relay your message to me, at once. When in New York, Mrs. Hanks and I live at 995 Fifth Avenue (Butterfield 8-5800). I am sorry I have so many addresses but, at the moment, I am again on active duty with the US Air Force which has complicated matters.

*L.A.W.:* Have advised him that  
NY City was not on your speaking  
itin. & it was doubtful if you  
would be stopping there. However,  
if possible, you would contact  
him. Mary

Very sincerely yours,

*Stedman Shumway Hanks*  
Stedman Shumway Hanks  
Colonel, USAFR

March 22, 1949

Colonel Stedman S. Hanks  
27 West 44th Street  
New York 18, New York

Dear Colonel Hanks:

Under separate cover you will please find some of the items I mentioned I would forward, although time has not yet permitted me to get the photostats ready which I promised to send. However, under separate cover you will receive a few of the items which were mentioned.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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27 West 44th Street  
New York 18  
28 March 1949

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
The Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren,

Thank you very much for your letter of March 22 and for the fifty (50) copies of The Lincoln Kinsman which have also been received. Mrs. Hanks and I are delighted to have these pamphlets. It was kind of you to send them. Your references in Pamphlet No. 48 to the work of my father and my aunt, are most generous and are greatly appreciated.

The copies of The Lincoln Kinsman are numbered 1 to 54 inclusive, - with Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 7 missing. I shall have these copies bound for protection. However, I would like to know the subject headings of the missing copies so that they may be included in an index which can be bound with the copies.

Since our talk in New York, I have forwarded four (4) of the bound volumes which I showed you, to The Library, New England Historic and Genealogical Society for safe keeping. The volumes are entitled: Hanks Family Papers (Vol. 1), Shumway Family Papers (Vol. 2), Johnston Family Papers (Vol. 3) and Roger Stedman Hanks (Vol. 4).

It was a real pleasure to have met you, after these many years, and with my appreciation for your kindness in sending the pamphlets, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Stedman Shumway Hanks*

Hanks

April 1, 1949

Mr. Stedman Shumway Hanks  
27 West 44th Street  
New York, 18, New York

My dear Mr. Hanks:

We are sending under separate cover two more copies of The Kinsman and photostat copies of the two you do not have which I think makes your collection complete. I think it should be complete before it is bound although I am sorry we cannot furnish original copies of two of the numbers.

I am also enclosing with this letter a little photostat giving a signature of Thomas Lincoln which was printed three years before he married Nancy Hanks indicating that he was not an illiterate man. I happen to own the original signature.

Very truly yours,

LAW/DPB  
L. A. Warren  
Enc.

Director

LEE HANKS  
*Assessor-Treasurer*  
*Calhoun County*  
HARDIN ILLINOIS

Jan. 3, 1950

Dr. Louis Warren  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I would like to have your booklets on the Hanks family and Lincoln lore. Mrs. Roy Hanks of Bainbridge, Ind. told me about you.

My great grandfather's name was David. I am sure his father's name was Thomas. This Thomas was a brother to Joshua, the grandfather of Hardin Hanks of Beardstown, Ill. My own grandfather was named Joshua and he had a brother Thomas. These names seemed to follow in the family.

Thomas settled in Green County, Ill. and Joshua in Scott County, which borders Green on the north. David left Green County when his first wife died and settled up a steep hollow in South Pike County, which is just north of Calhoun. David lived to be 86, but my grandfather died at 38 from an accidental gunshot. My father was named Douglas for Senator Douglas. It seemed the family preferred Douglas to Lincoln at that time. There are very few of the family living in this section.

I will greatly appreciate your booklets and let me know if I may be of some service to you. I am mailing you a Calhoun County booklet.

Sincerely,

*Lee Hanks*

January 9, 1950

Mr. Lee Hanks  
Assessor-Treasurer  
Calhoun County  
Hardin, Illinois

My dear Mr. Hanks:

I am very happy indeed to have this opportunity to correspond with you because Mrs. Roy Hanks has told me about you.

I am sending along some little Lincoln items which you might wish to have which reveal the connection of the Hanks family and in return, I am wondering if you would be willing to give me such connections as you may have of Joshua and Thomas Hanks before they reached the Illinois country. Anything at all would be interesting, especially any traditions that may have had to do with their Virginia residence and where they lived in Virginia before the Kentucky days.

I have done considerable work among the Virginia Hanks and would like to have your reaction before I send on earlier material for you to look over.

Very truly yours,

LAW/DPB  
L. A. Warren  
Enc.

Director

*Pennsylvania*

FREDERICK G. NOVY, JR., M. D.  
2938 MCCLURE STREET  
OAKLAND 9, CALIFORNIA

7 February 1950

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

Dr. Fletcher Hall, of Santa Monica, suggested that I write you concerning a family tradition that there is a distant relationship between my Mother's family and Abraham Lincoln. I am enclosing a letter from my father who resides in Ann Arbor Michigan with information that we have on the subject. I will appreciate your returning the letter to me and also will certainly appreciate your evaluation of this data so that this question can be settled for once and for all.

Dr. Hall wished me to convey his best regards to you.

Hoping to hear from you shortly,

Very sincerely yours,

*F. G. Novy, Jr.*  
Frederick G. Novy, Jr., M.D.

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# Lincoln Dope

JAN 16 1950

Among the papers of Elizabeth McGowan Hotchkiss:  
who died ab. 1920 (60 yrs) There was the following note:

"Abe Lincoln's mother Nancy Hanks was born in Springfield  
now Elverson, Pa. Her sister Susan Hanks was born there  
she married Peter Criley. Their daughter Isabel  
married Christian Detweiler. He was born Jan. 5, 1803  
married to Martha Magdalena Bull, first wife, married  
to second wife Isabel Criley, mother of Vashti Detweiler  
Garwood, <sup>one</sup> of 8 daughters (my records show that  
Isabella had 7 daughters, but her husband by previous marriage to  
M.M. Bull had 2 daughters - one of which died in infancy - which gives  
8 daughters to Christian Detweiler (growing up))  
Our father John B. McGowan was also born in Springfield  
(Elverson), Pa. was half brother to Christian Detweiler

I made a note to this that Elizabeth probably got the above from Vashti Garwood  
(91 yrs old)

Isabella Criley Detweiler in letter to Vashti Garwood = 1900  
said that her grandfather was from Wales - from Germany? and was born  
on the ocean. That her grandmother (Susan Hanks) was Scotch.  
That her mother was Susan Hanks, who was a sister of the Hanks  
whose daughter Nancy Hanks was the mother of Abe Lincoln  
Yes, Isabella Criley Detweiler was 1st cousin to Nancy Hanks Lincoln  
an Vashti Detweiler Garwood = 2d " " Abe Lincoln

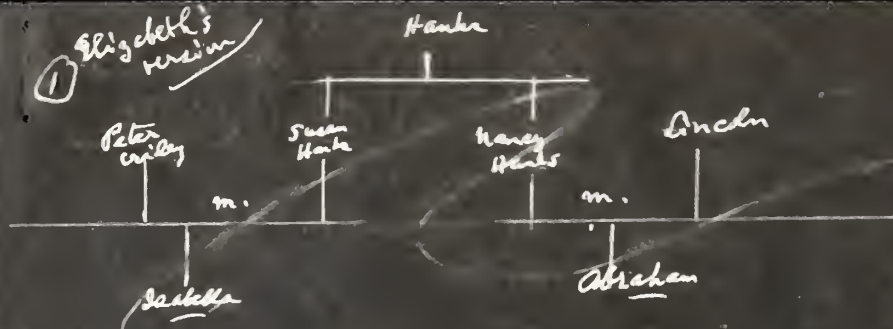
Her father (Isabella's) was killed at Brandywine and was  
buried in the little graveyard by the gate (right side as you go in)  
in Chester Co. Pa. called Allen's School-house and graveyard

X To Isabella Lincoln was Lintkorn X X and a niece of Isabella  
Mrs. Margaret Criley Carmichael, great grand daughter of Samuel Criley  
is said to have held that her father, Isaac Criley was first  
cousin to Nancy Hanks (Lincoln's mother) [Isaac was a  
brother of Isabella who also claimed to be first cousin of Nancy]

X mother often said that her grandmother Isabella brought the  
Lincoln story back to Ohio - after attending the Centennial Exposition in  
Philadelphia, in 1876. mother did not take it seriously, (over

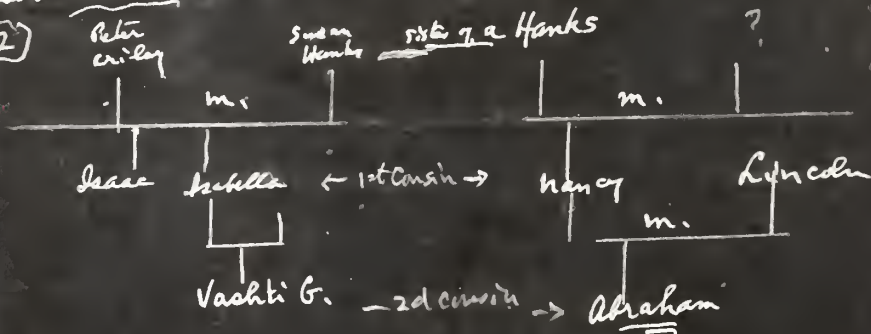
There are Lintkorns in the Ozark mts. of Mo., who claim relationship with Lincoln

① Elizabeth's version



The supposed relationship looks like this  
Isabella's version but is very doubtful X X

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There is a discrepancy in the two accounts  
In ① Susan and Nancy Hanks are sisters  
In ② Susan is an aunt of Nancy,

Vashti Greenwood was the grand-daughter of Magdalen Bruce  
by her 1st marriage  
Elizabeth McGowan . . . . . " 2d "

The same story about Lincoln relationship is given by

- (3) Vashti Greenwood - in her French B. & B.
- (4) Nellie Detweiler
- (5) Mrs. Carmichael

February 10, 1950

Frederick G. Novy, Jr., M.D.  
2938 McClure Street  
Oakland, 9, Calif.

Dear Dr. Novy:

This is to advise you that Dr. Warren is at present out of the office on his annual speaking itinerary and will not return until around March 1st.

I am holding your letter and enclosure (letter from your father) pending his return at which time I will bring it to his attention.

However, if you wish to have the enclosure return sooner, kindly advise.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Warren

March 10, 1950

Mr. Frederick G. Novy, Jr.  
2938 McClure Street  
Oakland 9, California

My dear Doctor:

Back at my desk again after a long absence  
I find your letter of February 7 and hasten to reply  
to your query.

The attached copy of Lincoln Lore I think will  
answer the question as far as direct relationship of  
your ancestors to Lincoln's mother is concerned.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB  
Enc.

Director

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whiteside

announce the marriage of their daughter

Lucy

to

Mr. Roger Stedman Hanks

on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of March

Nineteen hundred and fifty-one

Dearmanville, Alabama

Des Moines Iowa

3-21-51

Mr. Louis G. Warren.

Dear Sir.

I find in an old scrap book I have an article my uncle wrote for his home paper, that Nancy Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln) Aunt married Abraham Deaver and that they are my great grand parents.

I would be very grateful to you if you could tell me where I could get a book that might tell me just who his Aunts and uncles were, as some of the family disagree with my uncle

Sincerely yours  
Mrs. J. M. Stevens

920 Park Ave Des Moines  
Iowa

*Severely*

March 30, 1951

Mrs. I. M. Stevens  
920 Park Ave.  
Des Moines 15, Iowa

My dear Madam:

I do not seem to find the name of Abraham Deaver in this list I am enclosing showing some of the relatives of Lincoln's mother. If any of these names seem familiar would you kindly advise me, if not would send any other information you may have about the name of Abraham Deaver's wife.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:JK  
L. A. Warren

August 28, 1951

Miss Marian L. Alson  
526 East Riverside  
Evansville 13, Indiana

Dear Madam:

I regret the delay in the reply to your letter of some weeks ago and on two or three occasions I have attempted to dig out the information you desire. I have not been able to secure any further information about Daniel Boone Hanks or Thomas Boone Hanks. I have discovered that Huldah Bates Hanks lived at Bridgewater, Connecticut. I believe she was living there on February 19, 1790 when he name and Joseph Bates were published anticipating matrimony and there is no further trace.

I have not been able to find a Daniel Hanks earlier than the one mentioned.

Ben and Ruth Brewster lived in Mansfield, Connecticut, then moved to Ashford, Connecticut where they died and apparently their children, most of them were born at Mansfield. Regret this information is so scattering.

Very truly yours,

LAW:JK  
L.A. Warren

Director

P. S.

Lucy E. daughter of Thomas Boon was born in October 1880, and in 1898 married James Drake.

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EMORY UNIVERSITY  
EMORY UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

ROBERT WINSHIP MEMORIAL CLINIC  
EMORY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

April 2, 1953

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

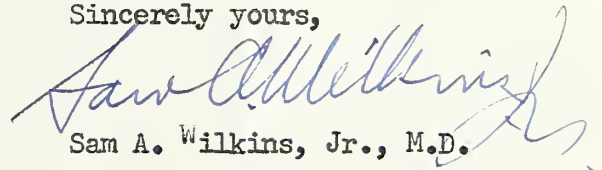
Dear Dr. Warren:

As a direct descendent of Richard Hanks, said to be a brother of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, I am interested in obtaining the best information available concerning the family relationship. I was referred by Mr. Paul M. Angle of the Chicago Historical Society to you.

A relative of mine in the Piedmont section of North Carolina, L.M. Hoffman, published a book about 1915 entitled "Our Kin" but he was not explicit concerning Nancy Hanks and only mentioned rumors. He did, however, trace my lineage from Richard Hanks through his daughter Martha, her daughter Lodema Holland, her son David Jenkins, State Treasurer of North Carolina after the Civil War, his daughter Mary Anne Jenkins and my Mother Mabel Craig Wilkins.

I should appreciate your giving me the best references on this subject and any particular or unpublished information which you might have. I shall be most grateful for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Sam A. Wilkins, Jr., M.D.

SAW:GW

April 13, 1953

Sam A. Wilkins, Jr., M. D.  
Emory University  
Emory University, Georgia

My dear Dr. Wilkins:

I sincerely regret that we do not have as accurate a genealogical approach to the forebears of Nancy Hanks Lincoln as we do to your own ancestors as the lineage of                    through Richard, Jr., Martha and Lodena Holland seems to be quite well verified. However the exact lineage of the traditional brother of Richard Joseph Hanks who is supposed to have had a son James who married Lucy Shipley and had a daughter, Nancy Hanks who married Abraham Lincoln is not to definitely established. You will observe that Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809 and Lodena was born in 1820 were of contemporary generations.

It is not known that Nancy Hanks who married Thomas Lincoln had any brothers or sisters of full blood. There were some half sisters and half brothers by her mother's second marriage. Trusting that this may answer your query, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW:PE

Director

P.S. The man who seems to be doing the most active piece of research work in the Hanks family just at present is Mr. Adin Baber of Kansas, Illinois. I am sure he would be pleased to hear from you.

June 15, 1953

Miss Edna M. Ross  
R. R. 1  
Quincy, Ohio

My dear Madam:

I regret to advise that the Lincoln Kinsmen has long since been out of print and we do not know where you could acquire the earlier number that relates to the Hanks family.

The Joseph Hanks whose will was recorded at Bardstown, Kentucky apparently came into Kentucky from Amelia County, Virginia and was the father of the Joseph Hanks in whose home Thomas Lincoln is said to have met Nancy Hanks who must have been his father-in-law through a deceased son by the name of James Hanks. That is our opinion, at least.

There are a great many references to Peter Hanks in Pennsylvania and I do not think you would have much difficulty in finding the genealogy of this member of the Hanks family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:PE

Director

718 S. English  
Springfield, Illinois

February 25, 1954

Dr. C. N. Coleman  
Eastern Illinois College  
Charleston

Dear Doctor Coleman:

Harry Pratt and I were discussing the Hanks family today. During the conversation I mentioned that I had made the acquaintance of a man who said he was the grandson of Dennis Hanks not shown in Edwin D. Davis, "The Hanks Family in Mason County, Illinois (1828-1939)," Papers in Illinois History, 1939, p. 112-152. Pratt said you were collecting data on the family and would be interested in any additional material.

In case you don't have his line, I met Charles P. Cummings, 202 North University street, Peoria, Ill., in or about 1940. His mother was Carrie G. Poorman, daughter of Amanda Hanks Poorman. ~~Her~~ Carrie was married to Charles H. Cummings. He said Amanda Hanks Poorman was the daughter of Dennis Hanks.

I wrote to Mr. Davis in Decatur for verification. He replied: "Mr. Cummings is right there is another dau. James Shoaff Jr. told me that Amanda Hanks m. Mr. Poorman. Her son was Postmaster of Shelbyville under Wilson a grandson is now Postmaster. Thomas Shoaff gave me papers with the children of Dennis Hanks and what became of them. But these were the ones in the exodus and I failed to note or never saw the name of Amanda Hanks born in Ill. The US census of Macon county gave 6 in the Hanks family that agrees with the list Shoaff gave me. I was so pleased to have anything agree that I fell down in not looking for more."

In Peoria in 1948 I talked by telephone to Wilma L. Hanks, wife of Raymond Dyke Hanks, 543 South Main, East Peoria, Ill. She said Mr. Hanks, her husband, was the son of Jacob Hanks and Martha Behymer[?]; grandson of Enoch Hanks; great grandson of Charles Hanks, brother of John Hanks. Said Enoch was the brother of Bill Hanks; that Bill had three sons: Hieronymus, Seth and Si[?].

Mrs. Raymond Dykes called me in 1948 to say that she and her husband visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rayner at 18 West 24th street, Baltimore, Md. Reference was made to the relationship between the Lincoln and Hanks families. Mrs. Rayner remarked that their visit was a strange co-incidence for the uncle of Mrs. Rayner's grandmother was the brother of John Wilkes Booth.

In passing, Mr. Cummings was a trader on the Peoria Board of Trade. Said he had not talked much about his Hanks kin and had never visited Lincoln shrines in Springfield. I persuaded him to accompany me to Springfield one holiday. I gave him the works. He said he was highly pleased with the experience. A right fine gentleman. I have not lived in Peoria for more than three years and do not know whether he is still there [amendment: the Peoria Telephone directory of August, 1952, lists C. P. Cummings at 800 Knoxville av.]

Copy to Louis A. Warren

copy to H. E. Pratt

Sincerely,

Ernest W. East

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W. & L. E. GURLEY

ENGINEERING INSTRUMENTS

TROY, N. Y., U. S. A.

CABLE "GURLEY"

December 29, 1959

Director,  
Lincolmana Publishers  
P. O. Box 1110  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:

It has been suggested to me that perhaps in your records of the Hanks family there might be something about the Benjamin Hanks' family that would answer some of the questions on the resume that I am enclosing.

Yours very truly

W. & L. E. GURLEY

*C. E. Smart*

Chairman of the Board

C. E. Smart \* C. M. L.  
Enclosure

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne,  
Indiana,

ack  
5/26/59

Dear Dr. Warren,

I have never before been so presumptuous as to address an author, but ever since I discovered your "Parentage and Childhood of Lincoln," I have wanted to, ~~to~~ tell you how much I have enjoyed and appreciated it through several readings. Genealogy is extremely interesting to me, and a book of genealogy with documentary proof cited for every definite statement is a rare treat. Also your vindication of the character of Thomas Lincoln is a great service to the memory of his son, and to mankind in general.

I must confess that my interest in Hanks genealogy is somewhat more than general. My husband's grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Mayhall Ricketts, as upright a citizen and as staunch a Primitive Baptist as ever lived, told her family that her mother was a Hanks, a cousin to Lincoln's mother.

All of her grandchildren remember that, but none of them remember any details, not even the first name of that great grandmother. One of them did know, however, that her husband's name was Timothy Mayhall, and that they once lived in Gibson County, Indiana.

I went to the Gibson County courthouse, and found their marriage there - Timothy Mayhall, Jr. and Elizabeth Hanks, Dec. 19, 1822.

I wrote our state library for any Hankses in the 1820 and 1830 census records for Gibson County. Again I was rewarded. There was a William Hanks (his record is inclosed) whom I feel pretty sure was Elizabeth's father. Other Hanks marriages there seem to be those of his children, also.

I know that Joseph Hanks, who died testate in Nelson County, Ky. in 1793 had a son William; that William went to Macon County, Illinois. Did that William ever reside in Indiana?

On page 378 of Dr. William E. Barton's "Lineage of Lincoln" is the 1810 census for that William; on page 377 is the census of another William who is not identified in any way. Dr. Barton merely notes that this was the younger William. Was he the older William's son?

Knowing that it was you who did the Hanks research in Kentucky, I wonder if you will identify this younger William. His record in 1810 corresponds very well with that of the 1820 record of the Gibson William, although I believe it possible that he could be the son of Joseph. This is presuming, of course, that either of them ever came to Gibson County.

In your book, on page 24, you mention the "Indiana Hankses". And on page 29 you say, "The tradition that the Hankses were responsible for the Indiana migration of the family is held by some of the descendants of William and Joseph Hanks." Am I correct in assuming from that that William and Joseph came to Indiana?

We are elderly people. My husband is a retired school principal. Neither of us is in good health, so that we can travel and search records as we should love to do. We shall be deeply grateful to you for any help or advice in identifying our William Hanks.

Thanking you again for your interesting and helpful book, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Meadows,

P.O. Box 86,

Newburgh, Ind.

*(Mrs. Ralph) Helen Meadows.*



Quincy 6 June 4/63

Dear Dr Warren: - I thank so much for answering my card concerning the English - Plymouth - Kentucky Hanks Genealogy - and when I examined your 'Lincoln - bore' sheet - I found this "Joseph - Nancy (Shipley) - Hanks" line / saying <sup>you</sup> their Nancy was not the President's mother, as this article I have, asserts. (It's good to know the truth.)

Dr Warren, - while we can't find any written records for these Pegraff Lincoln Cousins' claim, yet I like to believe that our Aunt Jane Hahn / Thomas Hanks (children of Peter Hanks) did know the relationship that could connect them to Lincoln's mother.

This foster daughter, Anna Barthauer, once said to Aunt Jane "My - I would be proud to be related to the President" - and Aunt Jane replied "O, I think nothing of it!" - meaning they were just all common folks. This Thomas Hanks told his grandson Tom Schultz <sup>Grand</sup> how it was - and Tom was just a boy - and it "didn't stick". (How he wishes it did now)

As I said these people look / act like Lincoln - and I find they all had the same family picture of him.

Sometime when I get a negative made and make

off some new ones for "these cousins" - I'll mail you one  
- to let you see the picture they cherished of the President.  
I don't ever hope to find out about this first Peter  
Hanks - who was born in Pa - and evidently  
moved to Ky - "split rails with Pres. Lincoln in his boy-  
hood" - I came to Ohio here. I guess there are  
some things we will find out only - when we get  
to the "Other Shore" - and must be content at that.

Dr Warren would you answer me <sup>briefly</sup> just two  
Questions - and I'll not bother you further.

- ① Who is this Joseph Hanks of Ky (who made a will  
leaving horses & cows to his sons & daughters) sup-  
posed to be? (Is he an uncle, as my "Nichols History"  
seems to indicate that Thomas Lincoln met Nancy who  
was staying at her "uncle Joseph's"? What do you think?)
- ② How can one procure your "Lincoln Kinsman" -  
at what Pub. Co. at what price. (Sometime I'd love  
to have one.)

Sincerely yours

Miss Edna M. Ross -

RR 1.

Quincy Ohio

(P.S. In Ohio, here were  
celebrating our Sequi-  
centennial with  
each town  
putting on  
celebrations  
churches  
join in too)

CARDS AND ADDRESSES AND LETTER HEADS FOUND IN THE  
MANUSCRIPT UNPUBLISHED PAPERS OF CHARLES & CAROLINE  
HANKS OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS FROM 1890 & LATER

July - 1963  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
By D. J. Hanks

Edward Hanks - Esq - Wards Mill, Virginia U.S.A.  
From M. D. Conway - Russell Mansions - Southampton Tow, London W.C.

S. F. Hanks - Wellville, New York - Lumber man

P. G. Hanks - Spring Hill, Connecticut - February 28th, 1895  
Freight, Express and Telegraph add - silk throwster  
Willimatic, Connecticut

L. S. Hanks - Madison, Wisconsin

John A. Hanks - Winnebago City, Minnesota

J. M. Hanks - Florence, Colorado - Real estate and Insurance  
John G. Nicolay - 212 B Street L.E.

Edward S. Hanks - Springfield, Massachusetts - Plumbing goods and  
supplies

W. F. Hanks - 203 Broadway, New York - Electrical Engineer  
Dr. Horace Tracy Hanks - 756 Madison Avenue, New York

Hanks & Co. - 461 Henderson Street & 163 to 167 Seventh St, Jersey City  
New York - Telephone call 99

Cyrus Hanks - Harriman, Tennessee - city clerk

L. M. Hanks - Secretary - Madison, Wisconsin

F. G. Hanks & Co. - Paris, Illinois - Fresh & cured meats  
Jas. M. Hanks - Helena, Arkansas

Wilbur F. Hanks - Betz Building - Philadelphia - Representing the  
Electrical Engineer, New York

Charles G. Hanks & Co. - 58 Wm St., C or Pine, New York - Commercial  
Union Building

J. S. Hanks - Spring Hill, Connecticut Manufacturer of Machine Twist  
and Sewing Silk

C. W. Hanks - No. 245 Broadway, New York - Real Estate

W. T. Hanks - Eminence, Kentucky - Hard Wood and fancy finish a specialty  
Contractor and Builder

C. L. Hanks & Son - Pipers Gap, Virginia

Mr. Charles Stedman Hanks - 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Williams & Hanks - 1416 Penna Avenue N.W. - Washington, D. C.  
Steam & Mechanical Engineers - Contractors for all kinds of machinery

R. F. Hanks - Abilene, Texas

Lucian L. Hanks - Madison, Wisconsin

J. L. Hanks - Klamath Falls, Oregon

Horace T. Hanks - 766 Madison Avenue - Manhattan Island - President  
Baptist Social Union of Manhattan Island  
Elizabeth J. Hanks - Rice Lake, Wisconsin

E. Z. Hanks & Co. - Kansas, Illinois - Real estate dealers  
Hanks Dental Association - New York, New York  
Brocklin office - 478 Fulton Street - Jersey City office Corner  
Grove Street

W. S. Hanks - Pastor - 1841 Bluff St. - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Pastor 20 - M. P. Church  
W. Hanks Kinney, A. M., - Principal Lyons Union School - Lyons, New York  
J. Lee Hanks - 618 W. Ashley Street, - Jacksonville, Florida - dealer in  
groceries, meats and feed

Rev. W. S. Hanks - Pastor - 1841 Bluff St - ? (no place given)  
Dec. 1897 - The 3rd P. M. Church - 5th Avenue near Marion St

W. J. Hanks - Postville, Iowa

Mrs. Wilbur F. Hanks - 206 West 133rd St - New York

L. L. L. Hanks - Ph. D., Superintendent - Public Schools of Kansas City,  
Kansas - 26 School Bldgs - 133 Teachers  
Rev. W. F. Hanks - Pack's Ferry, West Virginia

Chas. G. Hanks & Co. - 58 William St. Corner Pine - New York  
William Hanks - Livingston, Montana - 1895

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Hanks, - 61 East Oak Street - Chicago, Illinois

J. S. hanks - Gurleyville, Connecticut - Machine Twist & Sewing Silk  
manufactured.

Elinor Banks was Eli Hall

Mrs. Georgia Floyd Ballard

501 Powell Street

Henderson, Kentucky

Rev. L. A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne Ind.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
of this city loaned me  
a magazine, which contained  
a number of pictures of  
Lincoln at various ages.

By some means the  
magazine has been mislaid.

I am wondering if you,  
<sup>by</sup> chance, could have mailed  
to others in Henderson  
the same <sup>kind of</sup> magazine. If  
you did, would you mind  
giving me their names and  
addresses so I may buy the  
copy, if they will sell, so I  
can return Mrs. Galloway's

Mrs. Georgia Floyd Ballard

501 Powell Street

Henderson, Kentucky

Copy to her.

By way of explanation  
of the description of the  
copy. It was brown with  
a raised head. I fear I  
mistake not, you mailed  
along with the Magazine  
and invitation to some  
"affair" in regard to a  
Lincoln Memorial.

I was the singer at a  
revival at Shiloh while  
you was pastor there,  
about eleven years past.

Thanking you in  
advance I remain,

Yours Truly,  
Georgia Floyd Ballard.

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On June-27-1878 Joseph Hinton Hamner M.D. mar. Lillie Drury Hall, the dau. of Alfred & Rose Anna (Drury) Hall. Mrs. Hamner's father was a farmer of Spencer Co. Ky.: born in 1812: mar. in Hancock Co. Ky. in 1838. and died in Rockport Ind., Oct-1861. Her mother was born in St. Mary's Co. Md. April-5-1815, and died in Rockport Ind., on Oct-5-1885. Mrs. Hamner's g-father Eli Hall a farmer of Spencer Co. Ky. but born in Va. mar. Eliza Hanks the sister of Nancy Hanks, who was the mother of Abraham Lincoln. This ~~makes~~ makes Mrs. Hamner's father and Lincoln own cousin. The cousins were very familiar in their younger days, and some of Mr. Hall's tenderest recollections were of the days when he and little Abe went wandering through the wildwood together. Mr. Hall saw Lincoln for the last time just previous to his setting out upon his journey to Washington. They slept in the same room of a hotel, and went over their boyhood days in imagination. Hall asked Lincoln if he was not afraid of assassination, and received the reply that he was in the hands of the Almighty, and if God had any use for him, he would preserve his life; if not he might be killed for aught he knew. Mr. Hall died as recorded above, before Lincoln's career as President had borne much fruit. Mrs

Mrs. Hamner is Dead.

This was copied from the "History of Union Co. Ky"  
Perhaps you have seen this but I am taking the liberty of sending it to you for fear that you have not.

The Hamners' lived at Spring Grove Union Co. Ky. at the same time I did, when I was a very little girl.

Copied by Georgis Floyd Ballard, Henderson Ky.

N.B. I hope this will be of value to you.

Mrs. Ballard.

Hezekiah - father of Louisana



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My Grandmother on my mothers side was Louisana Hanks Smith (that you may not be confused, my mothers maiden name was Smith and she married a SMITH, not related, and I am a SMITH from both sides)

My Grandmother Louisana Hanks Smith died April 22nd-1928 at the age of NINETY FOUR (94) her fathers name was Hezekiah H Hanks from West Virginia and her mothers name was Elizabeth Hardesty and their childrens names were as follows; William, Louisana, Mary J (died in infancy) Joseph A and Mary J 2nd. My grandmothers father and mother died in Lawrence County Illinois and are buried near Billett, Illinois. They died when the children were small I have a letter on file from my Great Uncle Joseph A Hanks dated February 2nd-1909 and in this letter, in answer to my letter he says "In regard to relationship with Lincoln; his mother was my fathers sister beyond a doubt I often heard my father speak of his sister Nancy and his Nephew ABE LINCOLN"

I have often talked with my grandmother relative to this relationship. If you have any information relative to the "HANKS FAMILY" I shall be glad to hear from you.

Trusting that this lengthy letter may not be a burden to you to read and that the contents may not leave a wrong impression of the writer as I have no thought or disposition to "break in to print" and thanking you for past favors

Very truly yours,

*John O. Smith*

- Hanks  
 Hanks Alfred Symons b 1880  
 Eschom Pioneer & Sun men  
 of Utah.
- Hanks Ebenezer b 1814 July 4 y  
 Utah Pioneer Vol 12 8486
- Hanks Ephraim b. 1826 Madison Lake Co  
 Heart Throbby the west Vol 6 417.424 <sup>this</sup>  
 Eschom Pioneer & Sun men of Utah  
 Pt 2 p 913
- Hanks John in Gt. Jane Weather  
 The challenge of Times Vol 1 p 1.
- Hanks Sidney a b 1820 Madison Co Ohio  
 Eschom.

Salt Lake City Library

James T. Lister

Glore, Nancy

men 7 1830 d. 11-7

m. David Liverspanger Aug 2 1822 - Aug 30, 1897

Mrs Vernon (Rev) Hanks.  
3304 So Poppyette.  
Fort Wayne.

Hillsboro Ohio Hant

Hank. Daniel Sep 26 1872

Hank. Mary Hank m  
Orill, Abner H. Feb 4, 1851  
p 47 - Book 6

Hank Alsecker Sep 8 1854  
Feller John

Hank. Mary

Heace Bigger } June 28 1835  
Lucas Mary }

Hank Samuel June 27 '41  
Leyman Sarah

Hank. Nancy to John  
Apr 15 1850 - B 527 1850

Hank Samuel grandson Benjamin

Hank William T Eykist

Genealogist

Mrs R. D. Link

West Walnut St

Hillsboro

Genealogist

Violet Morgan

Hillsboro

History of Highley

There are several private collections however not named  
which rank along with many of  
these numbers ~~added~~ It would have been

is the destiny <sup>are they</sup> ~~what has been~~ <sup>extracted</sup> "big game" ~~from~~

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	HANKS				INDIANA
	Andrew	1 (20-30)	1(-5) 1 (16-20)	Census 1830	Bartholomew
	Joseph	1 son 1 (26-45)	3 daughters 1 (18-26)	Census 1820	Crawford
	John James	1 (5-10) 1 (10-15) 1 (30-40) 1 (15-20)	1 (-5) 2 (5-10) 1 (20-30) 1 (15-20)	Census 1830 " 1830	Decatur "
	Peter James William	1 (-5) 1 (5-10) 2 (30-40) 1 (-5) 1 (5-10) 1 (20-30) 1 (10-16) 1 (18-26) 1 (45-)	1 (-5) 1 (30-40) 2 (-5) 1 (20-30) 1 (50-60) 1 (-10) 3 (16-26) 1 (45-)	Census 1830 " 1830	Gibson "
	Peter m	Ramsay Elizabeth		Oct 13 1813	Knox
	William m	Harris Mary		Oct 3 1827	Lewin
	Joseph		on July	Jan 1815	Perry
	John m	Smith Minerva		June 3 1841	Batman
	Stephen well	Wife Eliza 1883	see John Smith		"
	Adelmy	Bowen, Thos		Dec 6 1849	"
	Opimulants	Waver Brown			"
	Werns	Johnston Eliza		June 14 1821	Spencer
	Elizabeth (K)	Magenheim Peter		Oct 8 1857	Vanderburg
	Nicholas A	Ring Nancy	1 (30-40) 1 (20-30) (1830) " "	Jan 5 1828	Warren



